# Spectra on fractal measure

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### Abstract

In this talk, we will discuss some spectra properties associated with some fractal measures. In particular, we will consider spectral property of the Bernoulli convolution and the Cantor type measure, the tree structure of the maximal orthogonal set and spectrum, and the sparsity of the spectrum.

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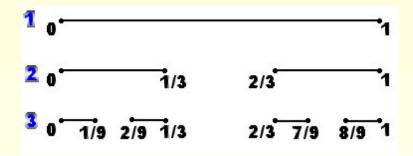


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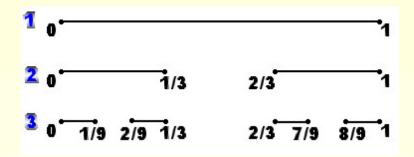


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### False:

- (1) 5 and higher dimension, (T. Tao, 2004);
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$$\hat{\mu}_{\rho}(\xi) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(2\pi\rho^{j}\xi\right).$$

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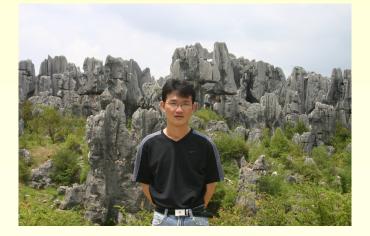
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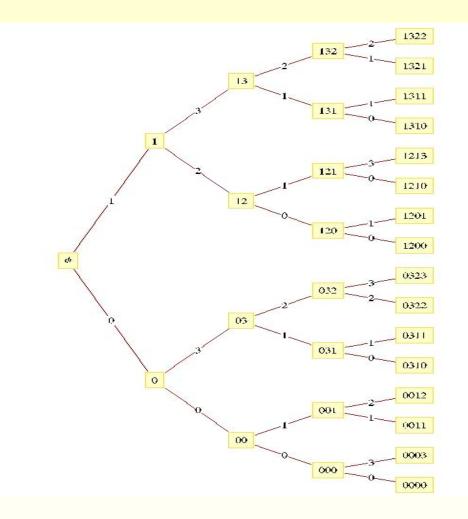
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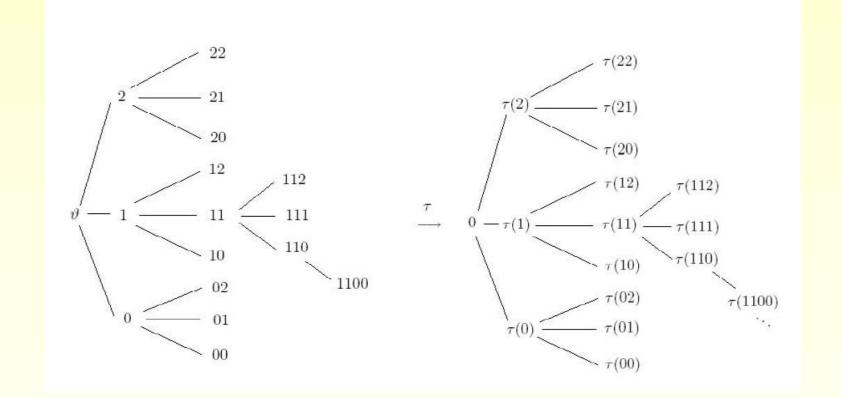
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• Tree structure for a spectrum of  $\mu_{\rho,n}$ :

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•  $\tau(i_1 i_2 i \dots i_k) \in \{-1, 0, 1, \dots, q-2\}$  and  $\tau(i_1 i_2 i \dots i_k) \equiv i_k \mod n$ 

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 $\mathfrak{N}_{K}^{*}$ : Cardinality of non-zero elements in the bottom path of vertex  $\tau_{K}$ .

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# V. Sparsity of the spectrum: Beurling density

**Example** The spectrum of  $\mu_{1/4}$ :

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Elements of spectrum  $\Lambda$  contained in the interval  $[0, 4^n)$  are  $\{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \epsilon_j 4^j; \epsilon \in \{0, 1\}\}$ . Hence the cardinality is  $2^n$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\#(E \cap [0, 4^n))}{(4^n)^{\log_4 2}} = 1.$$

In fact,

$$0 < \liminf_{N \to \infty} \frac{\#(E \cap [0, N))}{N^{\log_4 2}} \le \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{\#(E \cap [0, N))}{N^{\log_4 2}} < \infty$$

Observe that  $\log_4 2$  is the fractal dimension of the Cantor set.

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**Theorem 4.** (Dai, HE and Lai, 2012) Let  $\mu = \mu_{q,b}$ be a Cantor type self-similar measure (especially, Bernoulli convolution). Then given any increasing non-negative function g on  $[0, \infty)$ , there exists a spectrum  $\Lambda$  of  $L^2(\mu)$  such that

$$\lim_{h \to \infty} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\#(\Lambda \cap [x - h, x + h))}{g(h)} = 0.$$

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